

REMARKS

Allowance of claims 5, 131, 133, 138, 139, 260, 261 and 263 is noted with appreciation.

Responsive to the request to identify all related patents and co-pending applications (with the present application), Applicant submits the following list:

Ser. No. 09/903,831	Pat. No. 5,211,683
Ser. No. 11/264,929	Pat. No. 5,304,220
Ser. No. 11/375,387	Pat. No. 5,456,712
Ser. No. 11/440,267	Pat. No. 5,571,167
Ser. No. 11/673,053	Pat. No. 5,749,375
	Pat. No. 5,934,286
	Pat. No. 5,979,455
	Pat. No. 6,401,721
	Pat. No. 6,599,313
	Pat. No. 7,033,383
	Pat. No. 7,100,617

Responsive to the request to identify specific claims of those applications and/or patents which may present double patenting issues with the claims of the instant application, Applicant submits that no pending claim in the instant application presents a statutory double-patenting issue with specific claims of any related pending application or issued patent. And, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertion of "a significant degree of overlap in claimed subject matter."

In addition, Applicant submits that no pending claim in the instant application may be properly considered for double-patenting issues against a claim

in a later-filed co-pending application, in which later-filed application separate analyses may be appropriate of then-pending claims for double patenting issues against claims in earlier-filed related applications and issued patents.

In consideration of the above Remarks, Applicant submits that neither the claims previously indicated to be allowable (i.e., claims 5, 131, 133, 138, 139, 260, 261 and 263) nor the remaining distinguishable independent claim in the instant application, as set forth in the following table, find any overlap of claimed subject matter that might fairly support double patenting over earlier claimed subject matter.

Current Claim No.	Prior-Filed		
	Claim No. in:	Application No.	or Patent No.
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Similarly, no claim dependent from the claim referenced above finds any overlap of claimed subject matter that might fairly support double patenting over earlier claimed subject matter.

Favorable consideration and allowance of all pending claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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